



**The Epiphany of the Lord  
January 6, 2019**

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!  
Your light has come,  
the glory of the Lord shines upon you.  
— Isaiah 60:1

**FINDING GOD**

The splendid magi, all sparkle and dash and solemnity, march right up off the pages of Matthew's Gospel and into our churches today. Matthew alone tells us this grand and seductive story so that we might see the light and know that the child these magi visited is the fulfillment of prophecy, the king of the world that stretches to the magi's home country and beyond, right down the ages to us.

We too see and understand anew. Like the magi, our patron saints for this day, we see in the newborn child the king of the universe and light of the world. Like the magi, we find in ourselves a new faith and a new life. Like them, we return to our home by a new route.

We are asked to come away from this festive season ourselves renewed and awake to the presence of God among us. We are asked to find God where God is to be found, to be attentive and surprised and ready to bow down in adoration and to offer our gifts.  
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**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Monday of this week is Christmas Day in Russia and in much of the Orthodox world. This curious difference in schedule has a lot to do with how calendars have been developed and changed over the years. In the year 45 B.C. Julius Caesar gave the empire his Julian Calendar, with the winter solstice on January 6. This put an end to a system in which officials called "pontiffs" were able to tweak the calendar by adding extra days in as needed. He invented two new months at that time, December and January; and in order to correct the mess the pontiffs had made, forced a year of 445 days on the empire in what he named "The Last Year of Confusion." The new months varied in number of days according to a complex schedule, but the calendar was still off by nearly twelve minutes a year, and lost a full day every 130 years.

Pope Gregory XIII reformed the calendar in 1583, but not everyone appreciated his efforts. England held out for two hundred years. The year 1700 was a leap year in England, but not in France; they were eleven days apart! George Washington was really born on February 11; when the Gregorian calendar was finally adopted in the English colonies shortly before the Revolution, he had to move his birthday to February 22. Now the calendars are thirteen days apart, which accounts for Russia's Julian calendar Christmas. And Caesar thought he had brought confusion to an end!  
-Rev. James Field, © J. S. Paluch Co.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25  
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44  
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72: 1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52  
 Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a  
 Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16  
 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30  
 Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

**Finance Corner:**

Your generosity is greatly needed and appreciated!

**Weekly Offering**



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For the month of **December/January** offerings:

12/30: 1<sup>st</sup> (only) collection: \$2209. Rural Food: \$2363.  
 1/6: Operating Expenses. 1/13: Church in Latin Amer/Central-East Europe.

**Mark your Calendar for Future Events & Meetings:**

**Parish Council:** Fri., 1/25/19, at 10AM in Hall

**Finance Council:** Wed., 2/13/19, at 11AM in Hall

**Liturgy Committee:** Fri., 2/22/19, at 9:30AM in Hall

**St. Teresa Ladies Guild:** Contact Diane, 823-6044

**St. Philip Ladies Guild:** Contact Susan, 829-1189

**Every Friday, Centering Prayer:** 9:30AM at St Philip

**Coffee & Goodies:** Following 8AM Sunday Mass and Wednesday/Friday after 9AM Mass, at St Philip Hall

**Mondays & Wednesdays-Seniors Lunch at 12noon:**

All seniors welcome! (No lunch Monday before 2nd Tuesday of month)



**✠ ♥ ✠ Mass Intentions ✠ ♥ ✠ Schedule**

Sat., Jan. 5, 5pm Mass ✠ Brendan Smith

Sun., Jan. 6, 8am Mass for the healing & support of all victims of clergy sexual abuse

Sun., Jan. 6, 9:30am Mass for the People

Sun., Jan. 6, 11:15am Mass ✠ Jim Ernst

Mon., Jan. 7, No Mass

Tues., Jan. 8, 9am Mass

Wed., Jan. 9, 9am Mass ✠ Tina Bartolo

Thurs., Jan. 10, 9am Mass

Fri., Jan. 11, 9am Mass ✠ Emily & Joe Palmer

Sat., Jan. 12, 5pm Mass ✠ Brendan Smith

Sun., Jan. 13, 8am Mass ✠ Dick Archer

Sun., Jan. 13, 9:30am Mass ✠ Holly & Sean White

Sun., Jan. 13, 11:15am Mass ✠ Nancy Trucker

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord;  
 Blessing of the Home; National Migration Week

Monday: St. Raymond of Penyafort

**Prayer Requests: Call 874-3812 to add/remove names.**

Teresa K., Pat K., Thomas T., Susan B., Jamie Silva, Lorri McCamen, Sarah, Clifford J., Terri Andrews, Marilyn Vitali, Fred Pisani, Theresa Spiteri, Sara, Mary Anne Paraque, Sr. Marjorie Krusky, Barbara, Fr. Logan, Dave Creeth, Jim P., William, Parson Pfsorich, Dave, Mary O., Bill Z., Daniel, Sally Tillsbury, Mary Karp, Columбина Albini, Michael Dan, Richard Macche, Kathleen, Lisa, Rosa Santos, Papke family, Susan Bonomine, Zeidan family, and for all homeless

**Pope Francis Quote**

*"If we live as Jesus taught us,  
 and in harmony with what we proclaim,  
 our witness will bear fruit."*

### RURAL FOOD PROGRAM UPDATE for DECEMBER 2018

On December 11, we welcomed 112 families representing 155 adults, 72 children and 37 seniors for a total of 264 people receiving nutritional support. This program is funded through the Rural Food Collection on the last Sunday of each month as well as through private donations and the generous support of our volunteers.

**During this season of Christmas, all of us who volunteer each month to offer nutritious groceries and produce to our clients give special thanks for the incredible generosity of our parish and other donors. We also give thanks for the many examples of faith, hope and love expressed in the lives of those we serve each month. Together we witness God's love in action.**

Please continue to collect paper grocery bags, especially with handles, and egg cartons. We are looking into biodegradable produce bags and recyclable grocery bags for our clients.

### RURAL FOOD VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Saturday, January 5, from 9-10:00am repackaging -- Parish Hall Monday, January 7, from 12:30 – 2:30pm to set up the Parish Hall Tuesday, January 8, from 8:30 – 11:00am to distribute the food and assist clients. We need more volunteers on Monday and Tuesday to help with set up and help our clients and their loaded grocery carts to their vehicles. Thank YOU!

**CELEBRATE 2019**  
**SUNDAY - JANUARY 27, 2019**  
4-8PM AT THE UNION HOTEL

Each ticket is \$45. Tickets are on sale after Sat/Sun Mass and at the office weekday mornings.

Ticket sales are brisk, don't wait too much longer to purchase yours. Tickets sold after mass, if you want to purchase on the weekend.

### The night of the event:

~Remember-- You don't need to stand in line for check in.

~Enter the event at the large double doors at the Union Hotel to the Bocce' Ballroom.

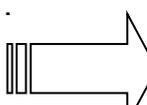
~Bring your CELEBRATE event ticket with you.

~You can use check, cash or credit card to purchase \$5 and \$50 raffle tickets during the evening.

Before the event, we welcome your donation of items for raffle at the event. Please contact Cathy McCool (after Mass or call 861-9302) if you have an item you'd like to donate.

**Exclusive Limited Print of Ansel Adam's original picture of St. Teresa Church from 1953:** All proceeds support needed restoration of St. Teresa of Avila Mission. A limited number of prints have been printed from Ansel's original negative. Each reprint is individually numbered. Prints are available for a donation of \$175. Please contact a restoration committee member for your own limited print: Peg 707-867-6073 or Bob 707-875-9148.

### Featured Parish Bulletin Advertiser:

 **Occidental Plumbing**  
**Tom (Snap) Gonnella**  
**707-508-5378**

### ROOTEDNESS

The flower does not bear the root. The root bears the flower. The rose is merely evidence of the vitality of the root. —Woodrow Wilson

### THE WAY TO HEAVEN

Love of heaven is the only way to heaven.  
—John Henry Newman

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



### Endowment Challenge Goal Reached

Many thanks to all who contributed to our Parish Endowment Fund by 12/31/18. Through your generosity, we reached the goal of \$10,000, and this means that we will receive a matching amount. Many thanks also to the Anonymous Donor who gave the matching donation.

### Welcome Back, Fr. Loren Allen!

Fr. Loren Allen will be celebrating the scheduled Masses from Jan. 8-1, while I am on vacation. He's been very busy since his retirement, not least with assisting in other parishes in the diocese. We're blessed that he's able to return to us, even for a brief visit.

~Fr. Fergal

### Parish Ombudsman Team

The Ombudsman Team may be contacted by any parishioner with a concern or question they would like to relay to the Pastor, but would rather not do so directly. Team members can meet with parishioners to discuss their concerns and then bring them to the Pastor (anonymously, if preferred by the concerned person).

The Ombudsman Team members are:

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